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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-14036

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

DST Systems, Inc.
333 West 11th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. Report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
2. Audited Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2003 and 2002
3. Audited Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002
4. Notes to Financial Statements
5. Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

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6. Signature Page
7. Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (Exhibit 23.1)

DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Financial Statements and Additional Information
December 31, 2003 and 2002

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* Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and the Advisory Committee of the
DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that

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we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Kansas City, Missouri
June 25, 2004

DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66,039	\$ 8,000
Investments:		
Mutual funds	201,643,169	8,000
DST Common Stock	25,281,379	
Investment in Master Trust	282,084,683	21,000
Loans to participants	5,713,094	
Total investments	514,722,325	31,000
Employer contributions receivable	21,457,459	2,000
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 536,245,823	\$ 33,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial

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statements.

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DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
 Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December	
	2003	
Investment income:		
Dividends, interest and other distributions	\$ 1,620,007	\$
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	28,142,419	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investment in Master Trust	57,020,861	
	86,783,287	
Contributions:		
Employer	33,277,635	
Participants	29,223,552	
	62,501,187	
	149,284,474	
Transfer from DST Systems of California, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan	72,448,666	
Benefits paid to participants	(18,040,015)	
Administrative expenses	(67,452)	
	54,341,199	
Net change in net assets available for benefits	203,625,673	
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	332,620,150	
End of year	\$ 536,245,823	\$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of the Plan

The DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") is a contributory, defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

Effective December 31, 2003, the DST Systems of California, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan was merged into the DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan.

Sponsor

The Plan Sponsor is DST Systems, Inc. ("DST" or the "Sponsor"). Certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates participate in the Plan.

Trustee and Investment Manager

As of December 31, 2003, the trustee of the Plan was UMB Bank, n.a. (the "Trustee"). Subsequently, the assets have been transferred to Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company N.A., the current trustee of the plan. The Trustee holds and administers all assets of the Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Plan agreement.

The investment manager of the DST Systems, Inc. Master Trust ("Master Trust") is Ruane, Cunniff & Co., Inc. (the "Investment Manager").

Administration of the Plan

An advisory committee (the "Advisory Committee"), which consists of members who are selected by the Board of Directors of DST, has full power, authority and responsibility to control and manage the operations and administration of the Plan. All expenses of operating the Plan may be paid out of Plan assets, except to the extent the Sponsor decides to pay these expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Sponsor paid Plan expenses of \$446,663 and \$372,335, respectively.

Eligibility

All employees of the Sponsor who are not members of a collective bargaining unit or nonresident aliens are eligible to participate in the Plan on the Plan entry date. The Plan entry date is the first day of the calendar month following the date an employee, other than seasonal or temporary, completes one hour of service. Seasonal and temporary employees must complete 1,000 hours of service, as defined in the Plan agreement, prior to entering the Plan.

Contributions

Contributions are made through participant salary reductions and rollovers from other qualified plans. Participants can contribute from 1% to 25% of their annual gross salary to the Plan (subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations). Beginning in 2002, participants aged 50 or older who have met the annual contribution maximum as set by law may make additional contributions or "catch-up" contributions (subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations).

Sponsor 401(k) contributions consist of a dollar-for-dollar match of the first

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3% of participant contributions ("highly compensated employees" are subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations).

In addition, the Sponsor may make discretionary profit sharing contributions. Generally, an employee must complete 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and be employed on December 31 to be eligible.

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Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, matching contributions, profit sharing contributions, rollover contributions, forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts and an allocation of Plan earnings or losses. Allocations of earnings or losses are based on account balances. Discretionary contributions and forfeitures are allocated to participant accounts based on the proportion which the participant's eligible compensation bears to the aggregate eligible compensation of all participants for the year. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting

Participants are always 100% vested in their own contributions, rollover contributions and catch-up contributions (as adjusted to reflect investment earnings and losses).

Generally, participants originally employed by the Sponsor prior to January 1, 2000, will become vested in Sponsor matching contributions and Sponsor profit sharing contributions (as adjusted to reflect investment earnings and losses) in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Service	Percentage Vested
less than 1	0%
1 but less than 2	10%
2 but less than 3	20%
3 but less than 4	40%
4 but less than 5	60%
5 or more	100%

Participants not within the above categories will be vested in Sponsor matching contributions and Sponsor profit sharing contributions (as adjusted to reflect investment earnings and losses) according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Percentage Vested
less than 2	0%
2 but less than 3	20%
3 but less than 4	40%
4 but less than 5	60%
5 or more	100%

Investment options

Participants may direct their contributions into DST Common Stock (\$0.01 par value) or any number of the mutual fund investment options as selected by the Advisory Committee. The investment options contain different degrees of risks. Participants should refer to the respective fund prospectus for a more complete description of the investment objectives of each fund. The Advisory Committee reserves the right to change the available investment options from time to time.

Participants may change their investment options daily.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures of unvested accounts are first used for the restoration of reemployed participants' forfeited amounts and then added to the profit sharing contribution.

All profit sharing contributions are invested by the Trustee as advised by the Investment Manager.

Plan participants

The following summarizes the number of participants by investment option as of December 31, 2003:

American Century Value	1,584
American Century Growth	1,792
American Century Select	1,328
American Century Ultra	2,204
American Century International	1,083
DST Systems, Inc. Common Stock	3,588
Davis NY Venture	1,247
Fidelity Advisor Growth	1,190
Janus Investment	2,759
Janus Investment Enterprise	2,178
Janus Investment Mercury	3,147
Janus Investment Overseas	2,110
Lord Abbett Affiliated Class A	689
Lord Abbett Bond Debenture	484
Managers Fund Special Equity	1,360
Money Market Obligs Prime Value	1,042
PIMCO Total Return	2,049
T. Rowe Price Mid-cap Growth	2,771
Royce Total Return	1,996
Standish Ayer & Wood Fixed Income	1,180
Vanguard Bond Index	3,529
Vanguard Index 500	4,508
Vanguard Value	1,277

Distribution of benefits

Benefit distributions generally will be made in the event of retirement, death, disability, resignation or dismissal. A participant's normal retirement age is 59 1/2.

Balances not exceeding \$5,000 will be automatically distributed as a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable following termination of employment. Balances exceeding \$5,000 (excluding rollover contributions and related earnings or losses) will be distributed upon participant election as soon as administratively practicable but no later than April 1 of the Plan year following the Plan year in which age 70 1/2 is attained. Such distributions may be elected as a lump sum or paid in monthly, quarterly or annual installments. Distributions shall be made in cash or, at the option of the Participant, in cash plus the number of whole shares of DST Common Stock allocated to the Participant's account.

Unless the participant otherwise elects, distributions begin no later than the

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60th day after the close of the Plan year in which a participant reaches normal retirement age or celebrates their 10th anniversary as a Plan member (whichever is later). Participants under the age of 62 with balances exceeding \$5,000 (excluding rollover contributions and related earnings or losses) must consent to any distribution.

Upon death, all sums credited to the participant's account will be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the participant.

Distributions may also be made in the event of financial hardship of the participant. Certain restrictions apply.

Participant loans

Participants may borrow the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested participant-directed accounts (subject to certain Plan and Internal Revenue Service limitations). Generally, loans must be repaid within five years. Loans bear a fixed rate of interest, which is set at loan origination using the Prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal plus 1%.

Plan termination

The Sponsor believes the Plan will continue without interruption; however, it reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in any unvested balances from Sponsor contributions and their respective account balances will be distributed in accordance with the Plan.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes in net assets available for plan benefits. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

Short-term liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less are considered cash equivalents. Due to the short-term nature of these investments, carrying value approximates market value.

Investment valuation and security transactions

Investments are recorded at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in the year in which they occur. Investments in mutual funds and DST Common Stock are valued at net asset value representing the value at which shares of the fund may be purchased or redeemed. The investments of the Master Trust are recorded at fair value as determined by quoted prices in active markets. Investment income of the Master Trust is allocated quarterly to participating plans based upon the fair value of participating plan interests in the Master Trust at the end of each quarter. Net assets of the Master Trust are allocated to participating plans based upon the value of the participating plan interests in the Master Trust at the beginning of the quarter plus actual contributions to the Master Trust and allocated

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investment income less actual distributions from the Master Trust. Loans are valued at the current amount due from participants.

Contributions

Contributions are recognized in the year to which they relate.

Accounting for obligations for benefit payments

he Plan does not record a liability relating to the obligations for benefit payments. The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2003 and 2002 to Form 5500:

	2003	
	-----	-----
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 536,245,823	\$ 3
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants		
	-----	-----
Net Assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 536,245,823	\$ 3
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The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, to Form 5500:

Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements	\$
Add: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2003	
Less: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2002	

Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	\$
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Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants are recorded on the Form 5500 for benefit claims that have been processed and approved for payment prior to December 31, 2003, but not yet paid as of that date.

Income tax status of the Plan

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Sponsor by a letter dated August 12, 2002, that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination. The Advisory Committee and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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3. Plan Investments

The following investments represent 5% or more of net assets available for benefits at year-end:

	December 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
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Investment in Master Trust	\$ 282,084,683	\$ 213,467,393

The Investment in Master Trust is nonparticipant-directed.

During 2003 and 2002, the Plan's participant-directed investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	-----	-----
Mutual funds	\$ 26,208,105	\$ (18,196,796)
DST Common Stock	1,934,314	(2,274,323)
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	\$ 28,142,419	\$ (20,471,119)
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4. Master Trust

The Plan's percentage ownership in the Master Trust is 79.0% and 75.9% at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The following Master Trust disclosures represent 100% of the balances in the Master Trust.

The Master Trust's assets by general type at year-end is as follows:

	December 31, 2003	December 2002
	-----	-----
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$
Mutual funds	870,009	2,
Common stocks	348,566,340	272,
Corporate debt	7,747,025	5,

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Government securities	2,977	
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	\$ 357,186,351	\$ 281,-----
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The Master Trust's total investment income (loss) by type for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	-----	-----
Interest	\$ 341,918	\$ 9
Dividends	1,285,360	1,2
Net appreciation (depreciation)	70,944,800	(4,1
	-----	-----
	\$ 72,572,078	\$ (1,9
	=====	=====

The Master Trust's net appreciation (depreciation) of investments by type for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	-----	-----
Mutual funds	\$ 35,046	\$
Common stocks	68,853,739	(3,9
Corporate debt	2,056,105	(1
Government securities	(90)	(
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	\$ 70,944,800	\$ (4,1
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December 31, 2003

(a)	(b) Identity	(c) Description	(d) Cost
	American Century	Value	(1)
	American Century	Growth	(1)
	American Century	Select	(1)
	American Century	Ultra	(1)
	American Century	International	(1)
*	DST Systems, Inc.	Common Stock	(1)
	Davis	NY Venture	(1)
	Fidelity Advisor	Growth	(1)
	Janus Investment	Investment	(1)
	Janus Investment	Enterprise	(1)
	Janus Investment	Mercury	(1)
	Janus Investment	Overseas	(1)
	Lord Abbett	Affiliated Class A	(1)
	Lord Abbett	Bond Debenture	(1)
	Managers Fund	Special Equity	(1)
	Money Market Oblig	Prime Value	(1)
	PIMCO	Total Return	(1)
	T. Rowe Price	Mid-cap Growth	(1)
	Royce	Total Return	(1)
	Standish Ayer & Wood	Fixed Income	(1)
	Vanguard	Bond Index	(1)
	Vanguard	Index 500	(1)
	Vanguard	Value	(1)
*	Participant Loans	Interest rate - Prime + 1%	0

* Indicates a party-in-interest

(1) In accordance with instructions to the Form 5500, the Plan is not required to disclose the cost component of participant-directed investments

DST Systems of California, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan
EIN 94-1727009 / PIN 003

Schedule H, line 4i -- Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

December 31, 2003

(a)	(b) Identity	(c) Description	(d) Cost
	American Century	Value	(1)
	American Century	Growth	(1)
	American Century	Select	(1)
	American Century	Ultra	(1)
	American Century	International	(1)
*	DST Systems, Inc.	Common Stock	(1)

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	Davis	NY Venture	(1)
	Fidelity Advisor	Growth	(1)
	Janus Investment	Investment	(1)
	Janus Investment	Enterprise	(1)
	Janus Investment	Mercury	(1)
	Janus Investment	Overseas	(1)
	Lord Abbett	Affiliated Class A	(1)
	Lord Abbett	Bond Debenture	(1)
	Managers Fund	Special Equity	(1)
	Money Market Obligs	Prime Value	(1)
	PIMCO	Total Return	(1)
	T. Rowe Price	Mid-cap Growth	(1)
	Royce	Total Return	(1)
	Standish Ayer & Wood	Fixed Income	(1)
	Vanguard	Bond Index	(1)
	Vanguard	Index 500	(1)
	Vanguard	Value	(1)
*	Participant Loans	Interest rate - Prime + 1%	0

* Indicates a party-in-interest

(1) In accordance with instructions to the Form 5500, the Plan is not required to disclose the cost component of participant-directed investments

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DST Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Date: June 28, 2004

By: /s/ Kenneth V. Hager

 Kenneth V. Hager
 Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and
 Treasurer